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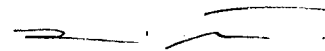
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Dear Madam:

I am concerned about FDA Docket No. 98N-1265, which would restrict interstate shipping of compounded prescription medications. My son is allergic to gluten and to dairy products. He sometimes cannot take the drugs that are prescribed for him because the usual formulations contain things to which he is allergic. A very small number of pharmacies, such as Stokes Pharmacy, in NJ, are willing to do custom drug formulations, so people with allergies can get the medications they need without the substances to which they're allergic. Not everyone lives near a pharmacy that will make custom formulations, and, as far as I know, not every state has a pharmacy that will make custom formulations. If interstate shipping of compounded prescription medications is restricted, some people, like my son, may not be able to get the medications they need. Please do not implement this restriction.

Very truly yours,



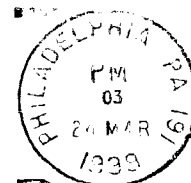
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